

Turkeys, items that don't look so good, have gotten away, are under the radar, but are really good reads (or perhaps items that look great, but fail to impress)

### Fiction

Skin Hunger – Kathleen Duey  
The 'Tomorrow, When the War Began' series – John Marsden  
I Capture the Castle, by Dodie Smith And Both Were Young – Madeleine L'Engle  
The Queen's Thief series – Megan Whalen  
Turner Pucker – Melanie Gideon  
Dreamhunter (and sequel, Dreamquake) – Elizabeth Knox  
Dealing with Dragons – Patricia Wrede  
An Abundance of Katherines – John Green (this one doesn't get as much attention as Looking for Alaska, and personally, I like it much better!)  
I am the Messenger – Markus Zusak  
The Year of Secret Assignments – Jaclyn Moriarty  
The Naming series – Alison Croggon (I think kids who like Tolkien would go for this one, but the covers are turning guys off)  
Sweethearts – Sara Zarr  
You Don't Know Me – David Klass  
Bad Kitty – Michele Jaffe  
The Book of Three – Lloyd Alexander  
The Bartimaeus trilogy – Jonathan Stroud  
Unwind – Neal Shusterman  
Abhorsen Trilogy – Nix  
Norther Light – Connelly  
Gregor the Overlander – Suzanne Collins  
Hunger Games – Suzanne Collins  
The Boy Who Saved Baseball – John Ritter  
Close to a Killer – Marsha Qualey  
Skellig – David Almond  
Chains – Laurie Halse Anderson  
Diana Wynne Jones' books (more kids are picking up Howl's Moving Castle now, I think, but she's got a ton of other overlooked stuff)  
Donna Jo Napoli's books  
Amelia Atwater Rhodes' books

### Nonfiction

Tasting the Sky – Ibtisam Barakat  
Sold – McCormick